

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

May 24, 2007, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2007.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Commending Stephanie Almeida, who is leaving the City after years of distinguished service in many capacities.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Resolution By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, That this Board offers its sincerest gratitude to all Somerville veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this community and country, exemplifying our city motto, "Municipal Freedom Gives National Strength."
5. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the asphalt patch in the sidewalk at 35 Victoria St. with cement.
6. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Constituent Services furnish the Ward 7 Alderman with a report of calls received from Ward 7 residents including the caller's name, address and tracking number.
7. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead tree at 12 Upland Rd.

8. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That this Board requests that the State Delegation inform this Board what action they are taking for noise reduction efforts relating to the recent increase of air traffic over Somerville.
9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police increase visibility in the following neighborhoods after dusk: McGregor Ave., Austin St, Gilman St., under the McGrath Hwy. bridge, and Harris Park.
10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol for Dana and Otis Sts., especially at dusk, to control the loud parties there.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol for the 70 Perkins St. area as tenants have reported vehicle break-ins and other trouble by groups of teenagers.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD inspect 25 Kensington Ave. for any and all code violations, especially an illegal apartment.
13. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a directional sign at Bow and Summer Sts.
14. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking make plans to establish a truck route in the city and present it to this Board at a future meeting.
15. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works make arrangements to resurface Hersey St.
16. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Arborist inspect the trees on Warren Ave. for maintenance or replacement.
17. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panel at 17 Bonner Ave. with cement.
18. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works deodorize the Dog Park at Nunziato Field.
19. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NOT A THRU STREET sign at the intersection of Stone Ave. and Stone Place.
20. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Environmental Coordinator analyze cleaning solutions used by the city and recommend alternatives that are more environmentally friendly.

21. Resolution By Ald. Taylor and Heuston, That this Board requests that the Administration make plans to restore the island at Bow St. and Somerville Ave. across from Citizens Bank when the reconstruction of Somerville Ave. is complete.
22. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD monitor trash pick-ups before 7 AM at the dumpsters at Sycamore St. (opposite the Winter Hill School), 379 Broadway and the Broadway Health Clinic at Marshall St.
23. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD cite Modern Floors on Marshall St. for violations of the trash ordinance.
24. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD order the repair of the fence at 45 Marshall St.
25. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Communications place a call to the residents of Ten Hills who requested notification, informing them of the next neighborhood meeting, at the Mystic Activity Center on Wednesday, May 30, at 7 PM.
26. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works place trees at 17 Marshall St., 4 and 8 Oakland Ave., Maple Ave., 149 Sycamore St., Melville Rd., 21 Sargent Ave., 16 Langmaid Ave., 21 Thurston St., and 14 and 24 Fellsway West.
27. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the overnight parking restrictions at the corner of Sycamore and Medford Sts.
28. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works report back to the Ward 6 Alderman on the possibility of installing a lift at the West Branch Library, so people who are disabled can access the library.
29. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking report back to the Ward 6 Alderman on the feasibility of requiring explicit signage when No Parking requests are made at meters in Davis Sq.
30. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the faded parking restriction sign across from 23-25 Day St.
31. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO PARKING sign at 284 Lowell St.

32. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO PARKING sign on Lowell St. between Alpine and Princeton Sts.
33. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street cleaning sign on Porter St. where it meets Brastow Ave.
34. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD order the owners of 56 and 61 Clyde St. to remove the ladder leading to an open window on the property.
35. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD order the owners of 56 and 61 Clyde St. to board up the broken windows on the first floor that are accessible by juveniles using ladders to gain entry.
36. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD order the owners of 56 and 61 Clyde St. to remove the ladders on each side of the fence near the bike path, as juveniles are using them to gain entry.
37. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the Street Cleaning sign at 35 Harvard St.
38. Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace or remove the dead trees at 14, 70, 76, 78, 252, 320, 356 and 390 Highland Ave., 600 Broadway and 264 Summer St.
39. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 33 Linden Ave.
40. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk at 131 Hudson St.
41. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the sewer at the corner of Cedar Ave. and Cedar St.
42. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk at 660 Broadway.
43. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a speed bump on Medford St. between Adams and Central Sts.
44. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar to repair the street light at the corner of Central and Medford Sts.

- 45. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk at 147-151 Boston Ave.

- 46. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Director of SPCD inspect the property at Pearl and Florence Sts. for code violations, and that the City Solicitor take legal action to make this property safe.

- 47. Order By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD explore installing flashing yellow lights around all senior housing buildings, to slow vehicular traffic.

- 48. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street sign at Beacon Place.

- 49. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the rusted pole at the corner of Beacon St. and Beacon Place.

- 50. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repave the sidewalk panel at 19 Magnus Ave. to remediate the utility meter that protrudes above the sidewalk.

- 51. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works consider the installation of raised crosswalks on Washington St. at the entrance to the new Argenziano School at Lincoln Park.

- 52. Comm. By President Trane, Rescheduling to Tuesday, June 26, 2007, the Regular Meeting of this Board that was previously scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 2007.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 53. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board, May 17.

- 54. Committee Report Report of the Committees on Land Use and Finance meeting in Joint Session, May 22.

- 55. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, May 22.

- 56. Committee Report of the Committee on Traffic & Parking, May 22.
Report
- 57. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, May 22.
Report
- 58. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, May 23.
Report
- 59. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, May 23.
Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to the Assembly Sq. Stabilization Fund.
- 61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$570,000 from the Health Insurance Acct. to the DPW Professional & Tech. Services Acct. to fund the closure and cleanup of various oil tank and spill related projects.
- 62. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$27,500 from the Fire PS Salaries Acct. to the OM Computer Equipment Acct.
- 63. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$6,468 from the Library Salaries Acct. to the Professional & Tech. Services Acct. to cover administrative fees for the interim Library Director.
- 64. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$6,200 from the Fire PS Salaries Acct. to the OM Repairs-Tools & Equipment Acct.
- 65. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$6,000 from the Personnel PS Salaries Acct. to the Reimbursement/Allowances Acct. for a gym membership benefit for non-union members as part of Shape Up Somerville programming.
- 66. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$5,250 from the Fire PS Salaries Acct. to the OM Office Equipment Acct.
- 67. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$5,000 from the Health Insurance Co. Acct. to the Office of Sustainability and Environment Professional & Tech. Services Acct. to retain a Commissioning Agent to evaluate the ESCO project.
- 68. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$26,365 from MAPC's bicycle rack program (\$20,365) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$6,000), for bicycle racks.

69. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$7,224.25 from the MA Executive Office of Public Safety to the Fire Dept., for fire safety education to children.
70. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$1,000 from the Demoulas Foundation for the Arts Council's Art Without Walls programming.
71. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Lisa Brukilacchio to the Conservation Commission.
72. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of John Reinhardt to the Conservation Commission.
73. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Cassandra Koutalidis to the Conservation Commission.
74. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Delia Kaye to the Conservation Commission.
75. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Fager to the Conservation Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

76. Officer's Comm. Director of SPCD responding to #183277 re: Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety.

NEW BUSINESS

77. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Dahn Holistic Fitness Martial Arts Demonstration, Davis Sq. Statue Park, May 26 & June 2 (raindate June 23 & 30).
78. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville Little League, Canning, various locations, June 2-3 & 9-10, 8-2PM.
79. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Pacheco 13th Birthday Party, Nunziato Park, June 9, 2-6PM (raindate June 10).
80. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Oak St. Block Party, June 9, 3-9PM (raindate June 10).
81. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Boston Sikh Sangat Society Table for Free Drinks, Union Sq., June 16, 8-5PM.
82. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Tiel Reardon, World Music Live, Davis Sq. Statue Park, June 17 & 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, Aug. 5 & 12, 12-3PM.

83. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Wallace St. Block Party, July 14,
 3-8 PM (raindate July 15).
84. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, N. Sacca & Sons Inc.
85. Outdoor New Outdoor Seating License, Sound Bites, 704-706
Seating Broadway, 4 Tables & 16 Chairs.
86. Outdoor Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, Amethyst
Seating Chiropractic PC dba Amethyst Center, 259 Elm St., 1
 Sandwich Board.
87. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Drake Petroleum Co. Inc.,
 360 Medford St., 24,210 gallons.
88. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Broadway Henry LLC, 38-
 44 Broadway, 6256 gallons.
89. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Broadway Henry LLC, 28-30
 Broadway, 10 autos.
90. Garage Renewal of Garage License, A Plus Auto Body Inc., 295
 Medford St., 14 autos.
91. Garage Renewal of Garage License, A Plus Auto Body, 297
 Medford St., 10 Autos.
92. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Ormond Trans. Co. Med. #49,
 #50, #62 & #89.
93. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Alewife Trans. Co., Inc., Med.
 #65, #69 & #80.
94. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Eastern Trans., Med. #73,
 Med. #87 & #90.
95. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Silcor Trans. Co., Med. #51,
 #52, #77 & #93.
96. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Somerville Trans. Co., Med.
 #71.
97. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Debaca Taxi Inc., Med. #1.
98. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Wilvens Cab Inc., Med. #18.
99. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Elysee Corp., Med. #48.
100. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Gardy Inc., Med. #19.

- 101. Comm. Kathleen Kennedy submitting comments re: Union Sq. Zoning.
- 102. Comm. Samuel Millen and Kristen Zecchi submitting comments re: Union Sq. Zoning.

LATE ITEMS